

EXPLORING GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING

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Goals and Objectives

1. Build on existing Exploring the Environment problem-based learning (PBL) modules.
2. Recruit from a large body of teachers who are interested in this topic and approach.
3. Apply the recommendations from evaluation of previous projects and related research to the development of the new climate change PBL modules.
4. Organize a team with complementary skills and experience to design and develop effective resources for teaching and learning about global climate change.
5. Use existing NASA as well as other scientifically valid resources to support the study of global change.

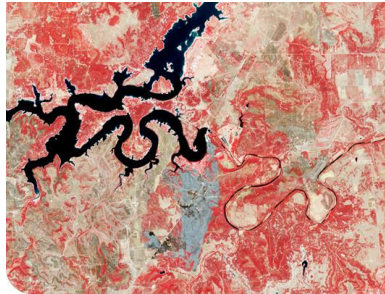
Content



- Global Temperatures



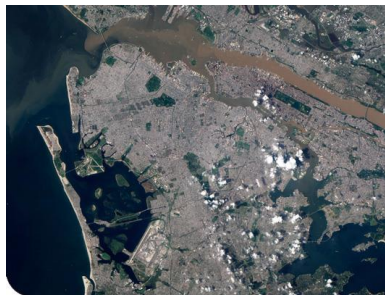
- Ice Caps and Sea Levels



- Drought



- Volcanoes



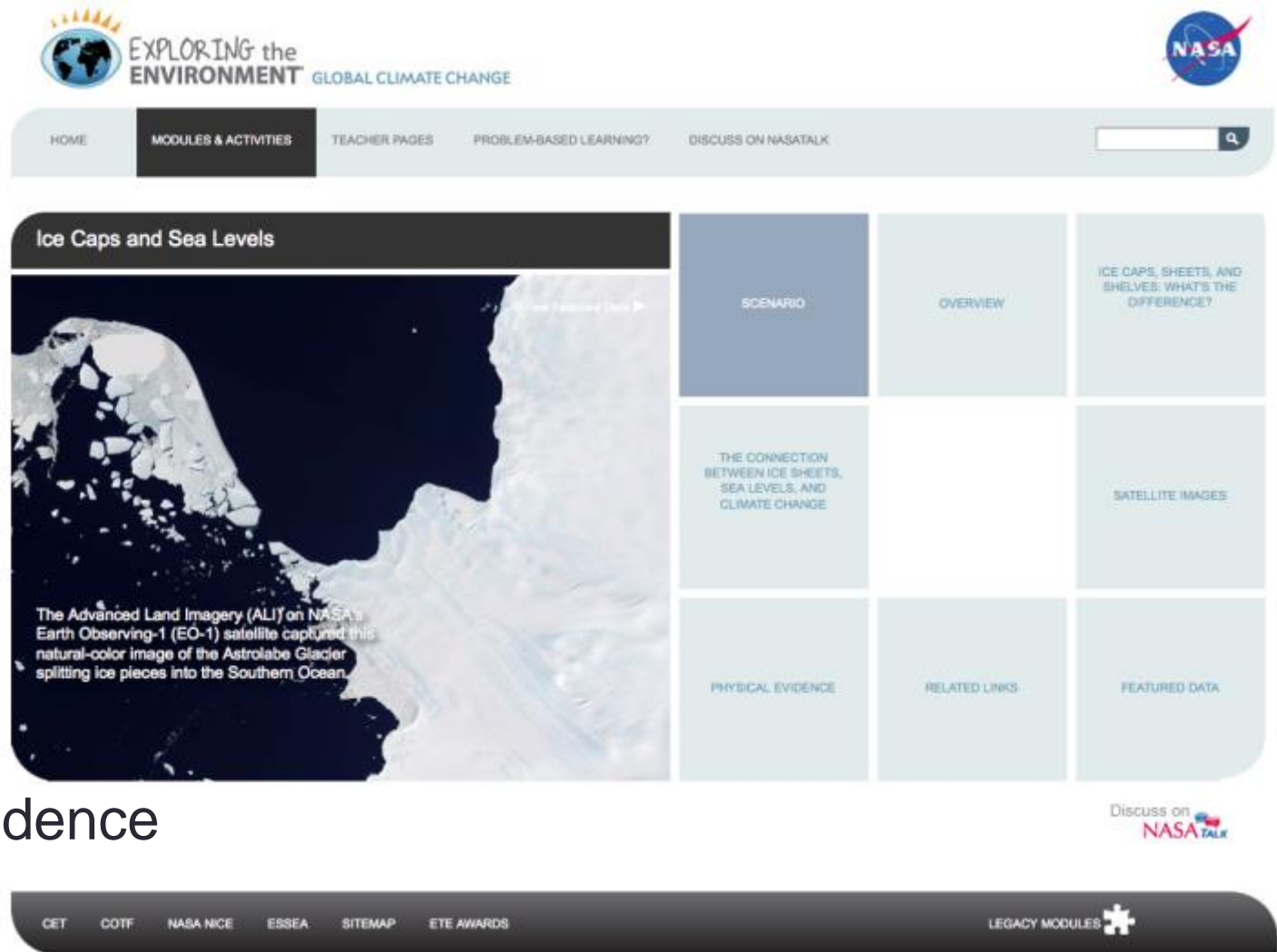
- Human Health Effects



- Biodiversity

Map of project features on the web

- Scenario
- Overview
- Scaffolding
- Satellite Images
- Featured Data
- Related Links
- Physical Evidence

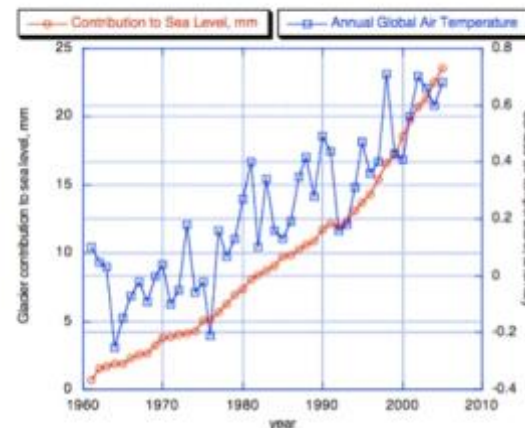


Scaffolding

- A structure added to support learning
- An introduction to the relevant global climate concepts with annotated links to data sources for further research
- Guidance for using the Earth system science process of analysis as part of the problem-solving process

For example, in Ice Caps and Sea Levels, students have access to a presentation titled, The Connection Between Ice Sheets, Sea Levels, and Climate Change, and exemplary data such as the chart shown below, **Small Glacier and Ice Cap Contribution to Sea Levels.**

Small Glacier and Ice Cap Contribution to Sea Levels



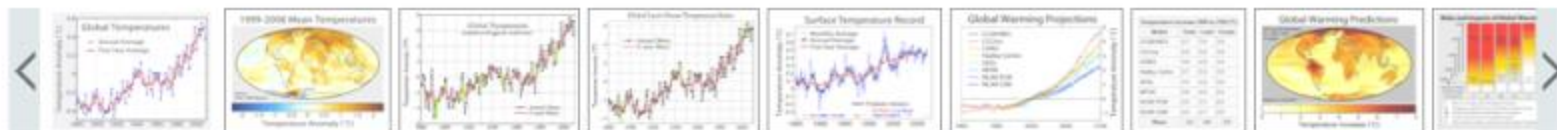
Amount of contribution (red line) and the annual global air temperature anomaly (blue line). Image courtesy Mark Dyurgerov, Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Reference: The National Snow and Ice Data Center http://nsidc.org/data/sea_ice.html

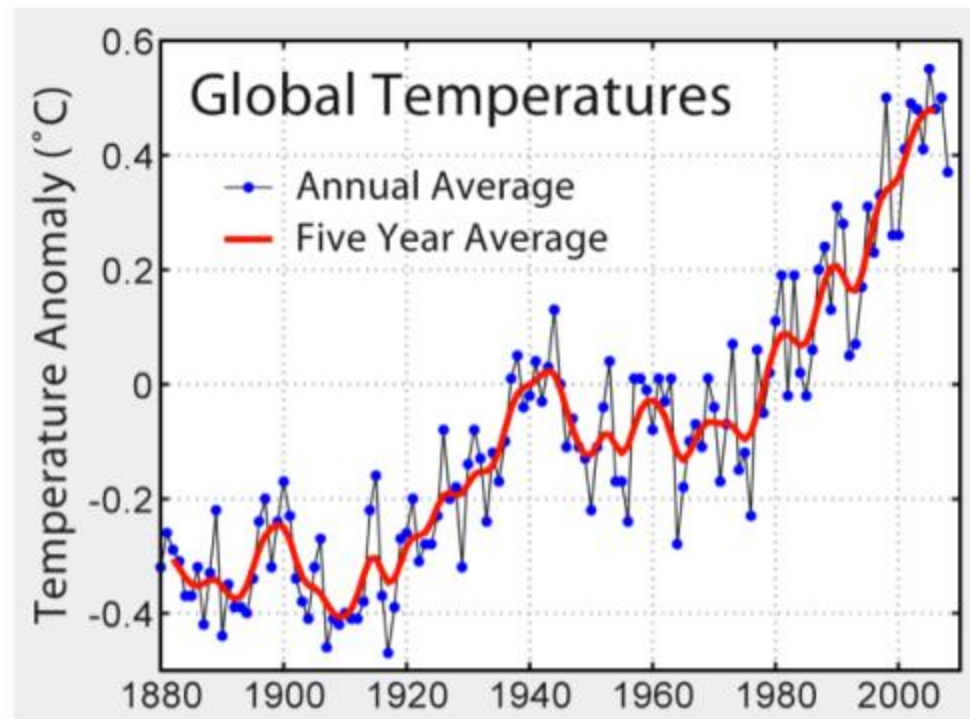
FEATURED DATA



Global Temperatures



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Global Temperature Trends

The record of global average temperatures compiled by NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. The "zero" on this graph corresponds to the mean temperature from 1961-1990, as directed by the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC).

Credits

Image created by Robert A. Rohrer/ [Global Warming Art](#).

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Designing Cognitive Scaffolds for Web-based Problem-based Learning

Inputs

Ill-structured problem

Five functional characteristics:

- Triggers interest
- Stimulates critical reasoning
- Promotes self-directed learning
- Stimulates elaboration
- Promotes teamwork

Five feature characteristics:

- Problem format
- Clarity
- Familiarity
- Relevance
- Learning issues

Cognitive Support

Question Prompts



Expert Scaffolding via
Technology Tools



Peer Review



Reflections and Revisions



Self-regulation and Transfer

Outputs

1. Read and analyze the
problem scenario.

2. List hypotheses, ideas,
or hunches.

3. List what you already know.

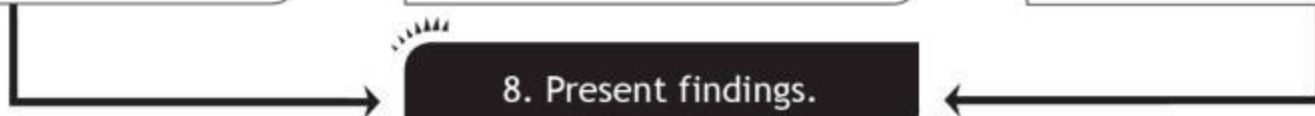
4. List what is unknown.

5. List what needs to be done.

6. Develop a problem statement.

7. Gather information.

8. Present findings.



Modifications based on pilot testing

Built-in support for teachers based on teacher requests and to reinforce instructional goals:

Teacher Resources

- Overview
- Teacher introduction
- Prep checklist
- The PBL model
- Learning in teams
- Developing rubrics
- Assessment
- Assessing behaviors
- Planning and facilitating
- Comparing approaches
- Table of environmental effects
- Classroom options
- Making it local

Additional Module: *Biodiversity*

Registration – required for access to teacher pages for each module

● Visits

600

300

Web Analytics



*Extended Time
Stats
Oct 2011-
Jan 2014*

*Extended
Time Stats
Oct 2011-
Jan 2014*

*Initial
5 mos.
Oct 2011-
Jan 2014*

*Most recent
5 mos.
Oct 2013-
Jan 2014*

*Peak Day
Oct 22, 2012
2012*

*Peak Day
Jan 9, 2014
2014*

Web Log Expert

Google Stats

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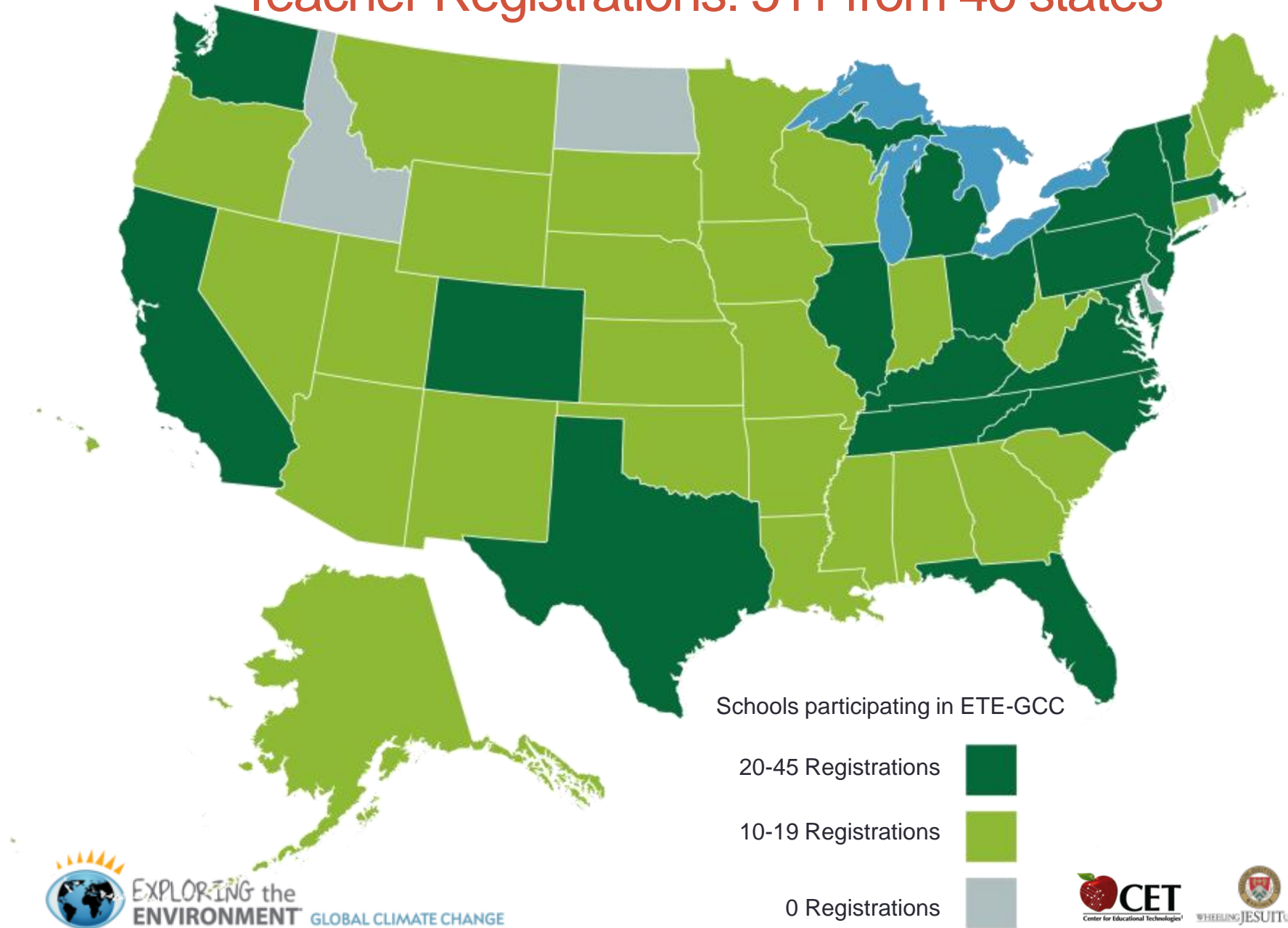
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Pages per visit	1.64	2.50	8.45	1.73	2.28	2.59
Bounce rate		69%	39%	80%	62%	73%
Avg. Visit duration		2:31	10:28	1:31	1:32	2:31
New Visitors		86%	43%	91%	93%	79%
Demographics	49% (US)	89% (US)	92% (US)	87% (US)	93% (US)	90% (US)

Teacher Registrations: 511 from 46 states



Partnerships

- NASA Innovations in Climate Education (NICE)
- Tri-Agency Climate Education Catalog (TrACE)
- Trillium Associates – Evaluator
- GLOBE – Certified as GLOBE teacher trainer
- Earth System Science Education Alliance (ESSEA) associate member
- USGS Climate Education resources and training activities
- Green Schools Initiative
- Sustainable Learning Systems
- Wheeling Area Community Energy Program

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GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

<http://ete.cet.edu/gcc>

Exploring Global Climate Change
Collaborative and Blog at:
<http://www.nasatalk.com/blog/list/bylines/133-eteglobal-climate-change.html> OR
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